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November 29, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING
FOR INTERSTATE 5/HASLEY CANYON ROAD INTERCHANGE
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED
COMMUNITY OF CASTAIC
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for the federally funded Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Improvements project located in the County unincorporated community of Castaic that will not be final invoiced by May 1, 2012, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreement with these State departments for a 1-year extension of budget authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend the budget authority for the federally funded Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Improvements project located in the County unincorporated community of Castaic because the project will not be final invoiced by May 1, 2012, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreement with these State departments for a 1-year extension of budget authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee

to request the State of California (State) Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the State Department of Finance to extend budget authority for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Improvements project located in the County unincorporated community of Castaic. This project is funded with Federal funds and completion of construction has been delayed due to additional work requested by Caltrans. Therefore, the project will not be final invoiced by the May 1, 2012, deadline. As a result, it is necessary to enter into the cooperative work agreement with these State departments to extend the budget authority.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize Federal reimbursement for this important transportation project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the Interstate 5/Hasley Canyon Road Interchange Improvements project has been included in the current and prior fiscal years' Road Fund Budgets.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code, Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal- and State funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing Road Construction Program, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) actively seeks Federal grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in unincorporated County areas. These Federal funds are available through a variety of programs administrated by Caltrans. Due to the State's desire to improve the management of funds, the State Department of Finance requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded, but will not be liquidated within 7 years from the start of the fiscal year that the federal funds were appropriated within the State Budget Act. As part of the request, the State requires your Board's approval indicating concurrence with the request. Following your Board's approval, the necessary extension will be processed through a cooperative work agreement with Caltrans and the State Department of Finance.

This project is currently under construction and completion has been delayed due to additional work requested by Caltrans. Therefore, the project will not be final invoiced by the May 1, 2012, deadline.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision-makers to document and consider the environmental impacts of their actions. On October 19, 2004, Synopsis No. 42, your Board approved the Negative Declaration prepared for this project and certified by Caltrans on July 23, 2001, and the finding of no significant impact determination by the Federal Highway Administration on August 15, 2001.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal funds for this project.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office